



July 7, 2017

RE: Town Hall Meetings – Progress Made!

Dear St. Mary Parish Family,

The initial series of meetings is complete and progress has been made! I'm contacting you to make sure that everyone is in the know and understands the next steps. After reviewing this information, if you have questions - feel free to contact myself (720-283-4732 or snorton@stmarylittleton.org) or Steve Baker, Architect (contact info on front page of attachments) and we'll be happy to get you up to speed.

1. The regular sized paper packet dated Wednesday, July 5th is a compilation of the information discussed and gathered during the first 4 meetings in which our goal was to gain an understanding of what the parish perceives as the critical needs regarding our Church, School, Grounds and Other Buildings - in other words, the entire St. Mary Campus.
2. The large sized paper packet dated Wednesday, July 5th is a sampling of possibilities for projects. (These are not actual plans, just a way to get an idea of what we can accomplish based on different amounts of funding.)
3. At the meeting on Thursday, July 6th we realized the fruits of our hard work. After discussion, listening and prayer this document reflects what you have said are the "must haves" (column 1), "serious consideration" (column 2), and "future planning" (column 3) items.

NOTE: This plan will be based on an initial estimated budget of \$5 million. This amount was arrived at by using a "rule of thumb" estimate based on multiplying our actual annual offertory by 2.5. That number would actually be near \$7 million but we wanted to be very conservative in our estimates. The actual budget amount will ultimately be set after the Financial Feasibility Study detailed in #4 below. Please be aware that **no actual funding has been allocated or approved for this project!**

NEXT STEP: Convene an Advisory Building Committee (and Subcommittees) to advise the Pastor and the building team. Please note that the Pastor, while appreciative of all advisory input from councils and committees, will make all final decisions with the approval of the Archbishop.

The attached document details what the committees are and what the commitments would entail. We are accepting names of volunteers through next Friday, July 14th. There are a limited number of positions available and we will be contacting interested parties with specific invitations after the deadline. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Norton (720-283-4732 or snorton@stmarylitleton.org) or Steve Baker, Architect (contact info on front page of attachments).

4. A **Financial Feasibility Study** is the other next step in this process and will happen in tandem with #3 above. We intend to have a fundraising company in place in the next week or so. We will talk more about this in the bulletin and on the web, but be aware that many of you will be invited for a personal interview and others will be surveyed to ascertain the level of support from parishioners in order to set a realistic budget number to use if this project goes forward.

As always, these documents will be posted on the website in the next few days. We've had technical difficulties with the videos so there are only three meetings actually posted.

I want to thank those of you who have been part of this process and ask that you all continue to pray and discern God's will regarding your level of support as we take each step toward a possible capital campaign. Again, please contact me or Steve with any questions or concerns. We'll be glad to chat with you at any time.

Many Blessings,



Sarah Norton
Director of Business Operations